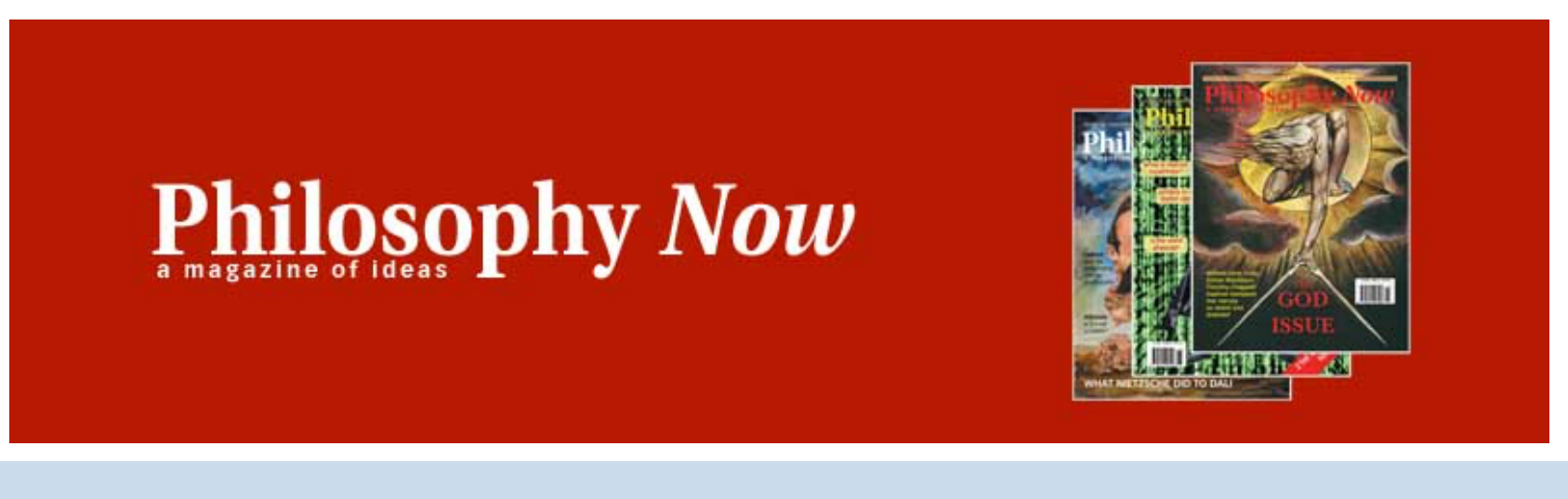

Existence is Infinite

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Re: Existence is Infinite

by **daniel j lavender** » Fri Aug 01, 2025 9:09 am

8.1.2025 Essay Revisions

Removed Paragraph

Existence is infinite, existence is not limited to any particular or any specific thing. Existence is innumerable things in innumerable places in innumerable ways; things bursting and flying, floating and flowing...

Integrated Existence Is Eternal Section Into Main Body Text

Rearranged Section Order

Note Addition

- Perception or perceiving, as in the definition of existence, concerns mental apprehension in addition to sensory experience.

The Definition Of Existence Section Addition

Standard definitions of existence are often ambiguous and circular. They provide no means of substantiation. Existence is defined as simply being, being defined as simply existence. The terms form a vacuous loop of abstraction with no substantiation in concrete, real world instances.

The definition presented herein resolves that issue. The definition is functional and operational. Existence is defined; existence is that which is perceived or interacted with, at least in part. With the definition provided one could see a tree, touch a leaf, hear a bird or smell a flower and declare existence.

The definition maintains abstraction while also breaking free of the circularity of standard terms by grounding itself in concrete examples through practical means of substantiation.

The definition establishes testable criteria allowing substantiation of existence and rejection of nonexistence. That which is perceived or interacted with indicates existence. Nonexistence fails because nonexistence cannot be perceived or interacted with. The rejection of nonexistence is not merely definitional but grounded in the inability to substantiate nonexistence.

Epistemic Ontological Distinction Section Addition

Perception is a means of substantiation concerning conscious beings. Perception and interaction are epistemic tools, not ontological requirements.

Existence simply is. Existence is not dependent on perception or definitions however perception and definitions are significant tools for conscious beings to substantiate and understand existence. The definitions concern us, our knowledge and substantiation, not the dependence of existence on them.

Theological Versatility Section Addition

While many philosophical systems offer rigid prescriptions for existence the framework presented herein supports a plethora of theological and metaphysical interpretations.

The framework accommodates theism and deism in which deity, a part of existence, creates the universe, another part of existence. It accommodates pantheism in which all is equated with deity. It accommodates naturalism in which systems and structures develop naturally. It accommodates agnosticism in which knowledge of deity is uncertain. The framework also accommodates atheism in which deity is rejected. All positions are accommodated without compromising the integrity of the ontology.

Not only does the philosophy accommodate various theological positions it also reveals and connects the commonalities among them.

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At best this is an example of absence. However absence concerns subjects and locations, absence concerns things, not nothingness or nonexistence.

Your inconsistent wording reveals the conflation. First you refer to it as relative nothingness, then four words later as relative absence.

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Absolutely no one could refute 'this'. So, I am not sure why you are 'struggling' so much, here.

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Relative nothingness is merely the absence of one thing relative to another thing. The absence of a thing is thus nothing, but a paradox ensues as this absence is a distinction, thus a thing. Nothingness exists and a paradox ensues. To speak of pure existence or pure nothingness results in a paradox.

You are trying to avoid a paradox in your argument and yet fail to see not only is it inevitable but you are trying to limit existence by ignoring certain paradoxes while allowing others. You claim existence is infinite and yet seek to limit this infinity where on one hand you contradict yourself by doing so while in another respect fail to see pure existence, ie only existence, is a contradiction.

How is pure existence a contradiction, 'only existence' is a contradiction, because it is a distinction that cannot occur for it would require something beyond it and if something is beyond existence then:

1. Existence is a self referential loop that means nothing in both form and function and even the meaning of the word.

2. Beyond existence would effectively be nothing and yet existence would be distinct by being the opposite of nothing thus nothingness exists as it is a distinction as well. Nothingness and existence thus both exist thus nothingness is the limit of existence making it finite.

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Great questions! You've touched on some deep and complex ideas about existence, nothingness, and paradoxes in philosophy. Let's break down these concepts step by step to clarify what's going on.

1. Existence as a Non-Thing & the Problem of Distinction
Your point: If existence encompasses all things, then it has no comparison by which to be distinguished — meaning it isn't a "thing" in the usual sense because it's not separate from anything else.

Simplified explanation: Think of existence as the backdrop or the canvas on which all things appear. If everything exists, then existence itself isn't a thing you can point to or define — it's just that which is. It's like asking, "What is the color white without any objects to be white?" It's a condition, not an object.

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Why? Because:

If pure existence is all there is, then there are no distinctions, no differences—everything is the same. But difference is a distinction, which seems to require something other than pure existence.

If something exists beyond existence, then existence isn't pure anymore; it's limited or contrasted by this "beyond."

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Summary: Trying to define pure existence as completely without distinction creates a paradox because to speak of it, you need distinctions; but if there are no distinctions, you can't speak of it at all.

4. The Self-Referential Loop & Contradiction
Your point: Existence might be a self-referential loop—meaning it refers to itself endlessly, which makes it meaningless or contradictory.

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Implication: This suggests that pure existence might be inherently self-contradictory because it relies on self-reference, which often leads to paradoxes.

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You seem to spend alot of time arguing why I am wrong without realizing that what I state exists by virtue of occuring.

You seem to cherry pick what exists.

If "existence is not only a thing", as in not limited to being a thing, then existence is also not a thing, nothing.

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A.I. *can* be less biased, however it largely depends on the input.

Reviewing the results it's evident you have conflated concepts and misrepresented statements and terms.

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Immediately this statement illustrates the confusion.

Existence is a thing, and *all other things*. Existence is both part and whole.

One could point in any direction, at any thing, and identify existence. The tree is. The mountain is. The sky is. The car is. The house is. The grass is. All are [parts of] existence. By definition.

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Conflation of terms. Absence is not nothing.

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Incorrect. Absence is a condition, a circumstance, a thing. Absence is perceived. Absence concerns only things, locations and subjects.

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Nothing is a thing. A concept or idea. Thus it is contradictory or paradoxical as expressed in the essay.

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> Your claim: When we try to speak of pure existence (existence without any distinctions or limitations), it leads to a contradiction.

What is "pure existence"? You are introducing a new term. I have not used the term "pure existence".

The very idea of "pure existence" implies distinction. "Pure" is distinct from "impure". Where is the "impure existence"?

You are establishing distinctions while claiming otherwise. You begin with an erroneous premise and erroneous terminology. Only absurdity could result.

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What is "pure existence"? That is an unknown term.

Additionally you seem to define "pure existence" as all there is, yet place distinction upon that very term using "pure" which is a fallacious premise. It's distinct yet presented otherwise.

I am not claiming "pure existence is all there is".

I am claiming existence is all there is.

Existence is variation and commonality, existence is division and unity. Existence is impure and pure. Existence is all.

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Nonexistence is not and cannot be.

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Precisely. That's user input and thus user error.

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"Pure existence" is implicitly distinction. A fallacious premise.

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However that is a generalized, generic statement. Details and specifics of existence are discussed which leads to new information. Those details and specifics are aspects of existence.

Both specific and general concepts can be useful.

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> Implication: This suggests that pure existence might be inherently self-contradictory because it relies on self-reference, which often leads to paradoxes.

Existence is both part and whole, specific and general. Existence is all.

That existence references itself is not contradiction but further evidence existence is all.

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Re: Existence is Infinite

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> **daniel j lavender wrote: ↑** Tue Aug 12, 2025 4:14 am
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>> **Eodnhoj7 wrote: ↑** Sat Aug 02, 2025 3:02 am
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>> Now I doubt you will accept this so here is an ai explanation, a neutral party, explaining what I just said in other terms:
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> A.I. *can* be less biased, however it largely depends on the input.
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> Reviewing the results it's evident you have conflated concepts and misrepresented statements and terms.
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>> 1. Existence as a Non-Thing & the Problem of Distinction
>> Your point: If existence encompasses all things, then it has no comparison by which to be distinguished — meaning it isn't a "thing" in the usual sense because it's not separate from anything else.
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>> Simplified explanation: Think of existence as the backdrop or the canvas on which all things appear. If everything exists, then existence itself isn't a thing you can point to or define — it's just that which is. It's like asking, "What is the color white without any objects to be white?" It's a condition, not an object.
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> Immediately this statement illustrates the confusion.
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> Existence is a thing, and *all other things*. Existence is both part and whole.
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> One could point in any direction, at any thing, and identify existence. The tree is. The mountain is. The sky is. The car is. The house is. The grass is. All are [parts of] existence. By definition.
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>> Question for thought: Is existence a thing you can have or possess, or is it just the condition for things to be?
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> Existence is *that which is perceived, at least in part; that which is interacted with, at least in part, in some way.*
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>> 2. Nothingness and Its Paradox
>> Your point: The absence of a thing (nothingness) is a distinction, which makes it a thing, leading to a paradox: nothing is both absence and a kind of thing.
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> Conflation of terms. Absence is not nothing.
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>> Analogy: Imagine a room with no furniture. The absence of furniture isn't a thing itself—it's just the lack of something. But if we define "nothing" as a thing, then nothing becomes something, which seems contradictory.
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> Incorrect. Absence is a condition, a circumstance, a thing. Absence is perceived. Absence concerns only things, locations and subjects.
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>> Paradox: The paradox arises because talking about nothing as if it were something leads to contradiction: nothing both exists (as an idea) and doesn't exist (as a thing).
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> Nothing is a thing. A concept or idea. Thus it is contradictory or paradoxical as expressed in the essay.
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>> 3. Pure Existence and Paradox
>> Your claim: When we try to speak of pure existence (existence without any distinctions or limitations), it leads to a contradiction.
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> What is "pure existence"? You are introducing a new term. I have not used the term "pure existence".
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> The very idea of "pure existence" implies distinction. "Pure" is distinct from "impure". Where is the "impure existence"?
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> You are establishing distinctions while claiming otherwise. You begin with an erroneous premise and erroneous terminology. Only absurdity could result.
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>> If pure existence is all there is, then there are no distinctions, no differences—everything is the same. But difference is a distinction, which seems to require something other than pure existence.
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> What is "pure existence"? That is an unknown term.
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> Additionally you seem to define "pure existence" as all there is, yet place distinction upon that very term using "pure" which is a fallacious premise. It's distinct yet presented otherwise.
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> I am not claiming "pure existence is all there is".
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> I am claiming existence is all there is.
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> Existence is variation and commonality, existence is division and unity. Existence is impure and pure. Existence is all.
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>> **If something exists** beyond existence, then existence isn't pure anymore; it's limited or contrasted by this "beyond."
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> If something exists it is part of existence, not beyond it.
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>> If existence and nothingness coexist, then nothingness becomes a limit of existence, making existence finite, which contradicts the idea of infinite existence.
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> Existence and nonexistence do not coexist.
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> Nonexistence is not and cannot be.
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>> Summary: Trying to define pure existence as completely without distinction creates a paradox because to speak of it, you need distinctions; but if there are no distinctions, you can't speak of it at all.
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> Precisely. That's user input and thus user error.
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> You are claiming "pure existence" is not distinction.
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> "Pure existence" is implicitly distinction. A fallacious premise.
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>> 4. The Self-Referential Loop & Contradiction
>> Your point: Existence might be a self-referential loop—meaning it refers to itself endlessly, which makes it meaningless or contradictory.
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> As expressed any term, definition, concept or thing is part of existence so in that sense existence is self-referential. That circularity is unavoidable.
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>> Analogy: Imagine trying to define something by referencing itself repeatedly—"existence exists because it exists." This circular reasoning doesn't give us any new information.
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> However that is a generalized, generic statement. Details and specifics of existence are discussed which leads to new information. Those details and specifics are aspects of existence.